

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application No.	10/036,989
Filing Date	November 6, 2001
First Named Inventor	Simon
Group Art Unit	1615
Examiner Name	L. Di Nola Baron
Attorney Docket No.	61350A
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application. Note: 37 CFR §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on August 29, 2003 (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other: _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other: _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)
- b. Other: _____

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- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1512.
 - i. RCE fee of \$770 required under 37 CFR §1.17
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
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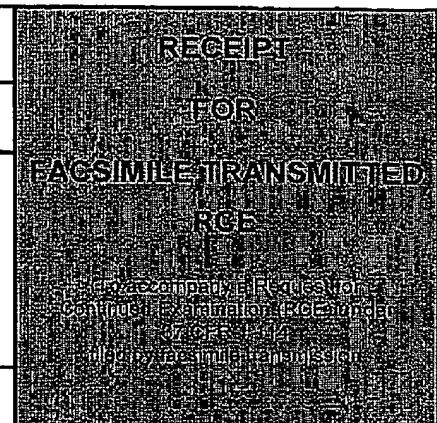
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2. APPLICATION IDENTIFICATION:

(Provide at least enough information to identify the application)

a. For prior application

Application No: 10/036,989

Filing Date: November 6, 2001

Title: IN VIVO USE OF WATER ABSORBENT POLYMERS

Attorney Docket No: 61350A

First Named Inventor: Jaime Simon

b. For instant RCE application

New Attorney Docket No: _____
(if applicable)

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